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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated June 13, 2007, claims 6-10 and 13-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-5.

Claims 13-17 were rejected under § 112, ¶ 2 for indefiniteness. Those claims have been amended to address various § 112 rejections.

With respect to claim 17, it is noted that the tasks recited in claim 17 are performed by a first address translator. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the "receiving" clause in element (c) of claim 17 is consistent with the Specification.

Claims 6-10 were also rejected under § 112, ¶ 2 for indefiniteness. In view of the amendment of claim 6, it is noted that various § 112 rejections of claim 6 have been rendered moot. Moreover, claim 6 has been amended to address the rejection raised against language in lines 5 and 14 of claim 6 as noted by the Office Action on page 2.

It is respectfully submitted that amended claim 6 is allowable over the reference cited by the previous Office Action, more specifically, Borella (U.S. Patent No. 6,731,642). Borella discloses that networks 12, 14, and 16, as depicted in Fig. 1 of Borella, "each define a separate and independent address space." Borella, 4:15-16. Thus, Borella does not disclose that a first address range of a first network overlaps with a second address range of a second network, as recited in claim 6. Also, Borella fails to disclose various other elements of claim 6, including the terminal controller and address translator elements of claim 6.

Dependent claim 7 has been amended to address the § 112 rejections raised against claim 7.

Dependent claim 8 has been cancelled to render the rejection of that claim moot.

Independent claim 9 has been amended to address the § 112 rejection against the claim. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that Borella does not disclose the subject matter of claim 9.

Dependent claim 10 has been amended to address the § 112 rejections raised against the claim.

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In view of the foregoing, all claims, including newly added dependent claims 18-20, are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (NRT.0181US).

Respectfully submitted,

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